

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
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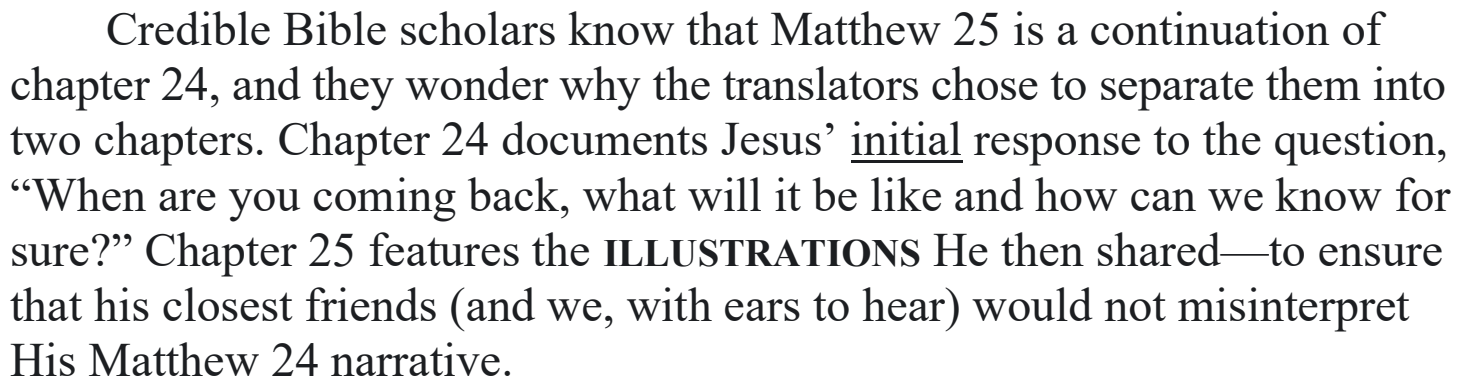
Chapter 25



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As they matured in the faith, He shared more and more. As an example of their progressing maturity, He didn't tell them where good people *really* go when they die until their mutual friend, Lazarus, had "gone to sleep." That dialog is at John 11:11-14. You can benefit from what we've disclosed about it on page 18 of our FlipBook, Dirty Laundry: [www.Link1.info/flipbooks](http://www.Link1.info/flipbooks).



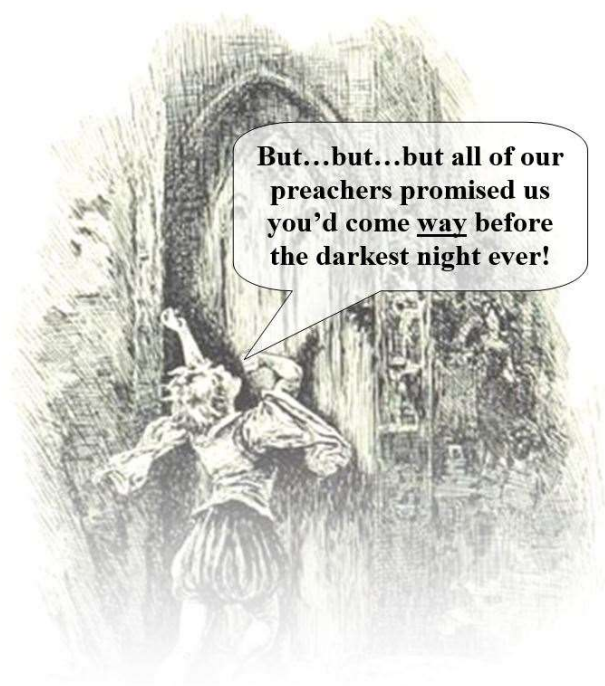
their respective first or second reading. Yes, we expect our “experts” to at least do their basic homework, but most of them just repeat what they’ve heard or read from other “experts.” Jesus’ 10 Virgins illustration is a classic example of that folly—

But, alas! pentecostals think Jesus was saying that if a believer has not had a recent “talking in ‘tongues’” experience when it’s time for *the rapture*, he’ll get “left behind.” Calvinists are certain that He was saying that those who’ve never once-upon-a-time gotten “truly ‘saved’” will get “left behind.”<sup>1</sup> Laughable, both.

<sup>1</sup> You can find valuable info and insight about those mindsets in our FlipBook, Getting Saved! Here’s the link to that web page: [www.Link1.info/flipbooks](http://www.Link1.info/flipbooks).

In Jesus’ 10 Virgins illustration at Matthew 24:1-13, He used **LIGHT** to symbolize the **KNOWLEDGE** of the timing for His return to *gather* the saints unto Himself.

All ten of those girls knew the bridegroom or they wouldn’t have been on his guest list. Five of them were expecting him before dark. So why did they get locked out? There is just one sensible conclusion: Because they had not prepared themselves for travel through the darkest of nights. Perhaps you can visualize them banging frantically on the bridegroom’s door while screaming, “But our preacher promised us that you’d come before dark!”





While Jesus is not privy to the precise day or hour for His return, there is no question that He knows and has shared with us the sequence of events that will immediately precede it. Our professional christian Bible “experts” have complicated and confused Jesus’ message. In doing that, they have victimized all the good folk who love and revere them. Far too many of their parishioners actually think that their clergymen are their SUPERIORS within the kingdom of God. In the visible church, far too many clergymen perceive their parishioners as their SUBORDINATES.

On Judgment Day many of those who’ve invested their *Faith Equity*<sub>SM</sub> in those guys will blame them for their not knowing that Jesus will come at the bitter *end* of The Great Tribulation. That won’t work for them, though: God holds each of us accountable for digging, **personally**, for the Truth about that. See Matthew 24:13 and Mark 13:13 for confirmation. Then, check out 2 Thessalonians 2:11 for a quick refresher on the fate of all the often-sincere, but tragically passive believers who don’t do that. “But we pay our preachers to do all that – and ‘the ministry’ – **for us**; don’t we?”

“But...but...but everybody I know is convinced that we’re gonna get raptured, at least before all that really bad stuff starts happening!” *Hmmm...* Do you think we should tell that to all those Christians in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia who’re targets of the bloody Jihad?

Often heard in the Bible Belt region of the U.S.A. are proclamations that go something like this: “We’ve gotta keep on prayin’ for all those people over yonder who’re gettin’ burned in cages and raped and drowned and such, but we’re gonna get raptured out’a here before anything like that starts happenin’ in America! My preacher knows!” (See our MicroShorts Memo, “Genocide,” for more on that: [www.Link1.info/microshorts](http://www.Link1.info/microshorts).)

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In Jesus’ Talents/Money ILLUSTRATION at Matthew 24:14-30, the master entrusted each servant with something of value that he expected him to invest on his behalf. That value – the talents/money – symbolize the **KNOWLEDGE** of the relative timing for Christ’s profitable return.

One servant chose not to **INVEST** that knowledge in others. He got cast into outer darkness...deep space?...weeping and gnashing of teeth.<sup>2</sup> He knew the master's return would be after a time of extreme darkness but was afraid to invest that wildly unpopular notion with others—not “what ‘we’ believe!”

<sup>2</sup> For a surprise you'll never forget, read our FlipPamphlet, “Outer Darkness.”

<sup>25</sup> And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

<sup>26</sup> His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant...

<sup>27</sup> Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

<sup>28</sup> Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

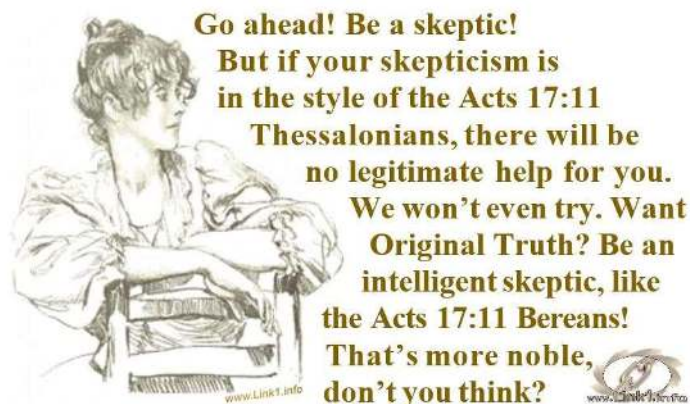
<sup>29</sup> For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

<sup>30</sup> And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness...”

That servant knew his master well and clearly believed in him! And some naive person whom you love and respect has convinced you that “All ya’ really gotta do is have faith and believe!”? Learn more about that in our FlipBook, Getting Saved: <https://Link1.info/flipbooks>.

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In verses 31-46, Jesus makes it very clear that Believers who masquerade as Disciples will be traumatically unmasked on Judgment Day. Yes, the differences between Believers and Disciples are monumental. Our FlipBook, Getting Saved!, also explores those differences in a straightforward, matter-of-fact way. Objective, too!



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